

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 8, 11 through 24, 29, and 33 are pending, with Claims 1, 11, 16, 29, and 33 being independent. Claims 9, 10, 25 through 28, 30 through 32, and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The Official Action sets forth an election of species requirement. In particular, the Official Action requires that Applicant elects one of the following species for prosecution on the merits: Species I: Figs. 1-5; and Species II: Figs. 6-9.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species I (Figs. 1-5) and respectfully submits that at least Claims 1 through 4, 6 through 8, 11 through 14, 16 through 23, 29, and 33 are readable thereupon, with Claims 29 and 33 being generic.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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